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### **Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney Continuation-In-Part Patent Application Joint Inventors**

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We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the patent application entitled:

" AN ABSORBENT MEMBER EXHIBITING EXCEPTIONAL EXPANSION PROPERTIES WHEN WETTED

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that each of us has reviewed and understands the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any accompanying drawings, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

We further acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application and which became available between the filing date of prior application serial number 09/290,323 entitled "AN ABSORBENT MEMBER EXHIBITING EXCEPTIONAL EXPANSION PROPERTIES WHEN WETTED" and the national or PCT international filing date of the present continuation-in-part application.

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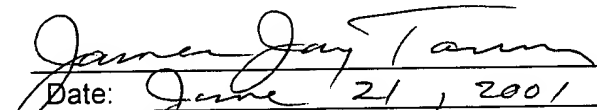
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